

REMARKS

Claims 83-108 are currently pending in the present application. The Office Action has required election of the following claim groups:

- I. Claims 83-86 and 96-99 drawn to a method and apparatus for providing a reminder when a program is available for rent, classified in class 725, subclass 58.
- II. Claims 87-90 and 100-103 drawn to a method and apparatus for providing a reminder when a program is no longer available for rent, classified in class 725, subclass 58.
- III. Claims 91-95 and 104-108 drawn to a method and apparatus for visually associating elements to a list, classified in class 345, subclass 769.

Applicants respectfully elect group I.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2005. Claims 83-86 and 96-99 will be pending in the present application upon entry of the present amendment, with claims 83 and 96 being independent. Based on the amendment set forth herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject patent application is in condition for allowance. Because the claims may include additional elements that are not taught or suggested by the cited art, the preceding arguments in favor of patentability are advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

Upon entry of the foregoing Response, the above-identified patent application includes 8 total claims, 2 of which are independent. Because Applicants have previously paid for 82 total claims and 7 independent claims, Applicants submit that no additional fee is due. Should it be determined that any additional fee is due or any excess fee has been received, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to deposit account #19-0761.

Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would place the subject patent application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned agent at the below-listed number.

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